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NOTICE: Conservation Security Program (CSP) Second Meeting

Dear Farm Operator,

The CSP sign-up will be held March 28 through May 27, 2005 for farmers located in the Sauk Watershed. To prepare for signup and the interview appointments, you should attend this public meeting to **receive the CSP Certification Worksheets**. The meeting scheduled in Meeker County will be **APRIL 11, 2005 at the EDEN VALLEY CITY BUILDING at 171 Cossairt Ave W. in Eden Valley.** CSP Certification Worksheets, which are required by NRCS before accepting applications, will be distributed at the meeting. CSP applications will be accepted by NRCS in the USDA Service Center, **by appointment only**. This is the only meeting scheduled for Meeker County.

The final rule for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) and sign up period for 2005 was announced by USDA's **Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns** in Washington DC. *"This is a unique program that offers payments for enhancing natural resources and rewarding those farmers who are model conservationists and our best stewards"* said Johanns.

At the meeting NRCS will provide details on **CSP eligibility, signup processes and payment rates**. **Remember, you cannot schedule an appointment** without the completed CSP workbook and the completed Certification Worksheets.

Self-Assessment workbook and the CSP Certification Worksheets will also be available at the local NRCS offices in Litchfield and Waite Park. The workbooks and worksheets will document the past conservation activities for your land.

Detailed information about CSP in Minnesota and Certification Worksheets can be found at:
<http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/csp.html>.

Sincerely,

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